

A Newsletter for the Pikes Peak Region of
Alcoholics Anonymous

December 2022

The Pikes Peak Pint



SERVICE OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 10am - 2pm

Volunteers are Needed for the Area Service Office!

For more information contact
(719) 573-5020 or email: serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org

Intergroup Updates

- **OPEN BOARD POSITION!** Intergroup Secretary needed to serve the remainder of the term (now - March). Contact the Area Service Office to learn more. 719-573-5020
- **DISTRICT 7** needs Alternate DCM and the following Committee Chairs to be filled: CPC (Cooperating with Professional Community), PI (Public Information), and Treatment. Attend the monthly District 7 meeting to learn more.
- **ALCOTHON NEWS...** one hour time slots available for groups to lead a meeting throughout the night: 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am for January 1, 2023. Contact Programs Chair Christy W. for more information (programs@coloradospringsaa.org) or 970-846-6907
- **SERVICE OFFICE NEWS** Joseph P. has been selected to fill the open position of Office Manager. Stop by the Area Service Office to meet!

A.A. DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

New Beginners Group

Cora 20 Years
Ginny M.R. 28 Years
Todd C. 8 Years

Apex Group

Pat H. 34 Years
Ginny M.R. 28 Years

Friday Womens (Oct, Nov, Dec)

Nancy B. 32 Years
Debbie C. 30 Years
Denna 1 Year
Nancie J. 25 Years
Tina S. 13 Years
Jess W. 15 Years

New Woman (Oct-Dec)

Heather M. 2 Years
Amy C. 1 Year
Tina S. 31 Years
Ashley C. 29 Years
Connie W. 5 Years
Shea G. 1 Year
Marti P. 1 Year
Margarita 1 Year
MaryAnn M. 19 Years

Send your and/or group's sobriety birthdays to:

pint@coloradospringsaa.org

Alcothon Meeting Schedule

Time Slot	Group
12:00 PM, Dec 31	Men In Action Group
1:00 PM, Dec 31	Serenity Sisters
2:00 PM, Dec 31	Happy Destiny
3:00 PM, Dec 31	Foxhall Group
4:00 PM, Dec 31	Tuesday New Beginners
5:00 PM, Dec 31	Easy Does It
6:00 PM, Dec 31	Serenity Riders Group
7:00 PM, Dec 31	Sunset Sobriety
8:00 PM, Dec 31	Young People's
9:00 PM, Dec 31	Friday Women's
10:00 PM, Dec 31	Walk the Talk
11:00 PM, Dec 31	Thursday Nooners
12:00 AM, Jan 1	Little Log Cabin
1:00 AM, Jan 1	(open)
2:00 AM, Jan 1	(open)
3:00 AM, Jan 1	(open)
4:00 AM, Jan 1	(open)
5:00 AM, Jan 1	Friday Night Live
6:00 AM, Jan 1	Into Action
7:00 AM, Jan 1	Black Forest
8:00 AM, Jan 1	Apex
9:00 AM, Jan 1	Thursday Open Discussion
10:00 AM, Jan 1	Taking Steps
11:00 AM, Jan 1	Big Book

WANTED

YOUR BEST CHILI
Wear Your Best Boots and Bling
ALCOTHON 2022

CHILI COOK-OFF AND TASTING

Bring your best pot of chili. Prizes awarded!

Also bring your favorite cornbread, cold side dish or dessert to share with all!

December 31, 2022

Noon - Midnight - Meetings
Noon - 7:00 pm Silent Auction
5 - 6:30 pm Chili Tasting
6:40 pm Chili Contest
Winners Announced and Awarded
7:15 pm Auction Winners
8:15 pm A.A. Speaker
9:30 pm NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE PARTY - Line, Contra, Circle and square dancing with an authentic Caller

January 1, 2023

12:01 a.m. - noon - Meetings
9:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. A.A. Speaker
11:30 a.m. Close and Clean Up

Suggested registration contribution of **\$12** for 24 hours of fellowship, food and dancing! No one will be turned away.

Questions? Call the Service Office at 719-573-5020 or email: serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org
NO Childcare provided.

December 31, 2022 to January 1, 2023.
Noon to Noon

Step 12

Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Tradition 12

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Tradition 12 Checklist:

- Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to *me* if AA as a whole disappeared?
- When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
- In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
- Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to *my* standards, not its own?
- Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is *my* part?
- Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition - or belie it
- Do I do all I can to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?
- Do I complain about certain AA's behavior - especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made *me* so smart?
- Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?
- Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?
- Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?
- What is the real importance of *me* among more than a million AAs?

Concept 12

... In all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

Ready to Get Involved in AA? Visit <https://www.aa.org/aa-member>

[Make plans to attend the 2025 A.A. International Convention scheduled in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada](#)

AA Group Announcements!

Two meetings have moved!

Sunlight of The Spirit closed Womens Monday night at 6:30 pm

Family of Christ, 675 Baptist Rd

Park in the west lot, far South door.

Recovery in Action Open Big book Study Thursdays at 7 pm

Family of Christ, 675 Baptist Rd

Park in the west lot, far South door

Pass it on – Subscribe to the Pint!

<https://www.coloradospringsaa.org/news-events/news/>

The Pint is formatted following the monthly Intergroup Meeting that meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Send your information by the end of the day, second Wednesday of each month, to be included in the following print.

The Pint

Publishes current news, articles and information about Alcoholics Anonymous.

Send us your articles, updates, flyers and letters sharing your experience, strength and hope to:

The Pint Editor
c/o ASO
1353 S. 8th Street #209
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Or by email: www.pint@coloradospringsaa.org

Join an Intergroup or District Committee!

Archives, Chair: Doug L. For info on Archives workdays at ASO, please email: cos.aso.archives@gmail.com

Nightwatch, Chair: Christy W. Contact Area Service Office for more info 719-573-5020

Pint, Chair: Amy M. - Collect local AA stories and announcements and send to pint@coloradospringsaa.org

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community), Chair:

Meets 3rd Friday of the month, 6:00pm, at the Area Service Office

Corrections, Chair: Nik W. Meets 4th Saturday of every month at 10am, @ Area Service Office

PI (Public Information), Chair:

Meets 2nd Saturday of the month, 2:30pm, at Pikes Peak Library 21C (1175 Chapel Hills)

Treatment & Bridging the Gap, Chair:

Meets 2nd Saturday of the month at 9am, Pikes Perk (5965 N. Academy Blvd.)

Supporting A.A.'s services

While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the Seventh Tradition is essential to all areas of A.A. service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but also their intergroup/central office, local services, district, area, and the General Service Office remain self-supporting. The General Service Conference suggests that individual groups, through an informed group conscience, adopt a specific contribution plan tailored to meet the group's financial situation. Once the group's expenses have been taken care of the group may decide to further carry the message by sending money to the following A.A. service entities.

- The local district, which communicates directly with the groups, providing the district group conscience for the area assemblies, and serving as a link between the area delegates and the G.S.R.s.
- The area committee, which coordinates vital A.A. activities over a broad geographic area; sends a delegate to the annual General Service Conference; holds area assemblies to determine the needs of the Fellowship; and provides information at all levels of service.
- The local intergroup or central office, which may provide phone service for Twelfth Step calls and other inquiries; coordinates group activities; and facilitates A.A. literature sales, institutions work, public information, and cooperation with the professional community activities.
- A.A.'s General Service Office, which functions as a storehouse of A.A. information, communicating with members and groups around the world; publishes A.A.'s literature; and supplies information and experience to professionals and others interested

<https://www.aa.org/aa-contributions-self-support> in A.A

Where to Send Contributions:

**** Please include Group Name and Group Number on check, money order, or App transaction****

Area Service Office

Payable to : Colorado Springs Area Service Office
1353 S. 8th Street, STE 209
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

District 7

Payable to: District 7
PO Box 26252
Colorado Springs, CO 80936

Area 10

Payable to: Area 10 Treasurer
12081 W. Alameda Parkway, #418
Lakewood, CO 80228

General Service Office (UPDATE)

Payable to: GSO
Post Office Box 2407
James A Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407

The Patron Saint of AA

Grapevine, September 2022, pp. 36-37

I wish I could tell you that after reading the Big Book and the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, I experienced a spiritual awakening and grasped a total understanding of our Traditions. I wish I could tell you that as a GSR, DCM, and an active member of several standing committees, I have never violated the principles set forth in the Traditions. But, typically alcoholic, I gained most of my knowledge and understanding from my mistakes and through the mistakes of others. Sadly, I made most of those mistakes after several years of sobriety, when I should have known better.

As a GSR at my home group, I was extremely adamant about Traditions. I tried to dictate moral behavior, told people what literature they could or could not read, and even made violent threats to one man because he was saying bad things about the group. I would run guilt trips on those who refused to get involved with servicework while bragging about my own involvement.

After about a year of this self-imposed misery, I found it necessary to get back to the basics of AA. I discovered that I had forfeited my own serenity.

Being a slow learner, I found myself gradually slipping back into my old behavior. I was a DCM at the time. Controversy seemed to dominate my AA life. I was constantly engaged in heavy debate with other trusted servants over issues that were none of my business. I justified this behavior by rationalizing that I was preserving the integrity of the Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. Today I realize that my behavior was just another example of my alcoholic thinking.

One day as I was reading the Ninth Tradition in my "Twelve and Twelve," a message was suddenly revealed to me that I had never noticed before. Even though I had read that particular chapter many times before, I had never understood its true meaning. I had always thought that it merely gave authority for the formation of a service structure. The new message had an entirely different meaning.

I suddenly realized that I had been trying to impose organization into the Fellowship. In my own way, I had been exacting my own brand of punitive action against those who I judged to be less sincere than myself. I had ordained myself as a patron of AA.

In prayer, I asked for forgiveness from my Higher Power. At the next area assembly I was selected to chair a meeting with the GSRs and DCMs. With all the humility I could muster, I made amends to all those present and later to those individuals who had felt the sting of my verbal whip. Finally, again in prayer, I turned my will and the care of AA over to God, as I understand him.

I found the essence of the Ninth Tradition cleverly concealed on page 174 of the "Twelve and Twelve". Bill wrote, "Great suffering and great love are AA's disciplinarians; we need no others."

To me, the Ninth Tradition epitomizes the spirit of anonymity, clarifies the Second Tradition, and provides us with an avenue through which our efforts in carrying the message of AA can have continuity, structure, and cohesiveness. It is the principle that necessitated the foundation of the Twelve Concepts. It requires that I recognize the autonomy of each group, even when I disagree with some of its policies. It will always stand as a personal reminder to me that my service to the Fellowship must come from a space of love. And finally, the Ninth Tradition will always serve as a tourniquet for this once bleeding deacon.

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Charles M.
Columbia, TN

